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For

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFER OF PRESSURE AND/OR TENSILE LOAD AND

AN ELONGATE CHAIN FOR USE THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Attention: PCT DO/EO/US

Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3". Claim 5, line 1, delete "and 4". Claim 6, line 1, delete "and 4" Claim 7, line 1, delete "or 3". Claim 8, line 1, change "any of claims 2 to 7" to - claim 2--. Claim 9, line 1, change "any of claims 2 to 7" to - claim 2--. Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 2 to 7" to - claim 2--. Claim 11, line 1, change "any of claims 2 to 7" to -claim 2--. Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, change "any of the preceding claims" to -claim 1-. Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13". Claim 15, line 1, delete " or 13". Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 15" to -claim 12--. Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 16 to 19" to – claim 16 --. Claim 21, lines 1 and 2, delete "and any of claims 16 to 20" Claim 23, line 1, delete "or 22". Claim 24, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 21 to 23" to -claim 21--. Claim 25, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 24" to -claim 12 -. Claim 27, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 26" to -claim 12--. Claim 28, line 1, delete "and 27". Claim 29, lines 1 and 2 delete "and claim 27".

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Claim 30, lines 1 and
                        lange "any of claims 12 to 29" to -claim 12--.
 Claim 31, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 30" to - claim 12--.
 Claim 32, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 30" to - claim 12-.
Glaim 33, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 13 to 30" to - claim 13-.
Claim 34, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 12 to 30" to - claim 12-.
 Claim 35, line 3, change "any of claim 12 to 34" to -claim 12-
 Claim 36, line 2, delete "for use in an apparatus according to claim 17"
 Claim 37, lines 1 and 2, delete "for use in an apparatus according to claim 18"
Laim 39, line 1, change "any of claims 35 to 38 for use in an apparatus according to claim 20"
 to --claim 35---.
 Claim 41, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 35 to 40 for use in an apparatus according to claim 22"
 to/claim 35 --.
 Claim 42, lines 1 and 2, delete "and 41 for use in an apparatus according to claim 18"
 Claim 44, lines 1 and 2, change "any of claims 35 to 43 for use in an apparatus according to claim 23"
 to -claim 35 --.
 Claim 45, line 1, change "any of claims 35 to 44" to -claim 35--.
 Claim 48, line 1, change "any of claims 35 to 47" to -claim 35--.
 Claim 49, line 1 change "any of claims 35 to 47" to - claim 35--.
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<u>REMARKS</u>

The above changes are to the claims appearing in the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report. Those claims should have been entered, but if not entered, such entry is hereby requested. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependency. The Examiner's attention is directed to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

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